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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Hamada et al.

Serial No.: 10/697,009 **Group Art Unit:** 3721

Filed: October 31, 2003 **Examiner:** Chukwurah, Nathaniel C.

For: BOX NAILING MACHINE

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313 - 1450

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 8, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 1-21 and 23 are all the claims presently pending in the application. Claims 1, 8, 12, 15-16, and 23 are amended to more clearly define the invention. Claims 4-14 have been withdrawn from prosecution. Claims 1, 4, 11, and 15 are independent.